

REMARKS

In response to the Advisory Action mailed on July 7, 2009, Applicant(s) respectfully request(s) reconsideration. Claims 1, 3-12, 14-20, 28, 30-39, and 51-52 are now pending in this Application.

The Advisory Action indicates claim 50 as having allowable subject matter.

Claims 1, 15, and 28 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. Applicant(s) believe that the claim(s) as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested. Applicant(s) believe that the claim(s) as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

The Advisory Action indicates claim 50 as having allowable subject matter. Applicant has herein rewritten claim 50 and intervening claims in independent form as amended claim 1. Applicant further amends independent claims 15 and 28, rejected on similar grounds and reciting similar features, with the subject matter of claim 50 and are therefore likewise deemed allowable. Independent claims 21, 40, and 44 have been canceled along with their dependent counterparts in the interest of furthering the case to allowance.

As this amendment merely presents claims in better form for allowance and/or appeal and does not suggest substantive changes nor require further search and/or consideration, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter these amendments under 37 CFR 1.116. No new matter has been added.

Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an online payment made herewith, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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